

# FLIGHT PATTERNS



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HOAXES and non-filing pilots were some of the problems our wing pilots had to put up with in November on a number of search missions that were called by U.S. Air Force Aerospace Rescue men.

On Thanksgiving morning a Piper PA-11, three place plane was reported down enroute from Annapolis, Md. to Mexico Farms, near Cumberland, Md. Capt. Norm Chipps, our Wing Communications Officer was appointed mission coordinator. He and a number of pilots from different units in the wing flew till 1530 hours that day. Then wing personnel learned it was a hoax.

There were many tired aircrew and ground staffers eating turkey that day. But-- that isn't the whole story.

On Nov. 23rd, Virginia Group Commander Maj. Jack Chandler was notified that a Piper Apache was reported missing while flying from Fort Knox, Ky to Washington, Va. airport. Aerospace Rescue assigned NatCap Wg. a mission number and the activity began.

State police checked Leesburg Airport. Va. Gp. checked Manassas Airport, and the Washington, Va. Airport was contacted. No news at all - till 0100 hours the next morning. The pilot did not close his flight plan! Maj. Chandler and others were up till 3.

The same night Va. Gp. was called about a helicopter crash. The news came at 1600. A Brantly, two-place chopper had crashed just inside the gate at Manassas Airport. The single pilot aboard escaped serious injury, but a guard detail was needed for the wreckage. Six cadets and two senior members went on duty. They included Capt. Larry Towner, C.O. of the Arlington Sq., his cadets, and CWO Bill Potter of the Leesburg Sq.

### CADETS AND SENIORS EARN AWARDS

The Syphax Squadron in Washington had an extra measure of good cheer in the early Christmas season. Capt. Webster Meredith, busy and able C.O. of the unit reports four cadets have earned the Billy Mitchell award. They include Brenda M. Barnes, Beaulah J. Hall, Andrew Johnson and Leon C. Langford. We join with fellow members of the Wing Staff in offering our congratulations to this fine group.

Meritorious Service Awards were awarded by Wing Hq. and National Hq. to officers who perform varied duties in the wing. They include Major John T. Chandler, Virginia Group Commander; Major John H. Kunsemiller, Wing Director of Plans and Programs; 2nd Lt. Eberhard Trams, Operations Officer of the Montgomery Senior Sq.; and Capt. Harold "Hap" Harris, Wing Information Officer.

CHAPLAIN RECRUITING PROGRAM MOVING AHEAD

Wing Chaplain (Maj.) J. Renton Hunter reports increasing efforts to secure new chaplains for service with our wing. "Paper-work" for four clergymen is underway. He urges all units to keep up their efforts to secure qualified ministers, priests and rabbis as chaplains and will gladly work with your organization on this needed program. He can be contacted at 543-5884.

Chaplain William N. Scott was promoted to Captain in a brief ceremony at the Va. Gp. Hq. recently. He serves with the Dulles Composite Sq., and is pastor of a Church of Christ. He resides in MacLean, Va.

CAP SAVED \$ 5.3 MILLIONS FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE IN 1965

Under Secretary of the Air Force Norman S. Paul told the CAP National Board meeting at Galveston, Tex. that the savings mentioned above was made by CAP. Pointing out that "your search and rescue operations, I am told, are done at a cost of \$7.50 an hour. If the Air Force had to provide the coverage you are capable of flying, it would cost us about \$250 an hour," Sec. Paul emphasize cost savings all the way.

National Commander Col. Joe Mason, USAF repeated this statement at a recent press conference in the Pentagon, and clearly emphasized that the annual \$5 million Air Force expenditure towards the CAP was in large measure spent for U.S.A.F. military and civilian staff members, offices and U.S.A.F. internal services in work with CAP.

RESERVISTS ACTIVE WITH OUR WING

LO Major Eisenhart has worked closely with Wing Commander Col. George Upright and Reserve Col. Olin H. Borum to secure more reservists for duty with NatCap Wg. units. Col. Borum is Director of the Reserve Officers Training Program for the Wing. Lt. Col. Ed Thomas serves as Deputy.

There are 11 Reserve Officers with the wing. The men, and their assignments are: Maj. George D. Farmer who functions as Aerospace Training Officer for Alexandria Comp. Sq.; Maj. Albert R. Guay with the Dulles Composite Sq.; Capt. John M. Raymond, who may work with a D.C. unit; Capt. A.E. Richmond, Jr.; Maj. Beverly B. Shaw who has worked with Wing Hq.; Lt. Col. Cleveland W. Stauffer, who recently returned from Lima, Peru with the Agency for International Development and now is ATO for Mt. Vernon Cadet Sq.; and Maj. Irving Summit who trains the Western Cadet Sq.

Other officers with the Wing include Maj. Harold E. Vettel with the Georgetown Sq.; and Lt. Col. Leonard L. Whitehead, with the Arlington Cadet Sq.

Welcome gentlemen! We know your years of experience will help our wing in many ways.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

FROM THE WING INFORMATION MEN -- Capt. Hap Harris, Maj. Bill Thomas  
AND THE WING COMMANDER and Capt. Hal Craven.

Wing Commander Col. Upright, Mrs. Upright and their family wish to be remembered to all the good volunteers in our wing.